Library of Congress

John Armstrong to Andrew Jackson, April 10, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN ARMSTRONG TO JACKSON.

War Department, April 10, 1813.

Sir, I have this day had the honour of receiving your letter of the 22d of March last. I enclose a copy of mine to you of the same date. You will perceive by this, that there was no disposition to treat the corps under your command with any degree of harshness or disrespect. Had the order of the 6th. of February found your corps in New Orleans it was incidental to the duties of the Commanding Officer of the port to have seen them paid—the belief however was that the order would have overtaken you before you had been far advanced towards your destination, and at a point where payment could not be made.

I have the honour etc.